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Re Patent Application of:
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For: METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING COIL
SPRINGS

Examiner: D. Suhol

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2006, requiring Applicants to elect one invention from the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-38 and 51-80, drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a coil spring from a wire; and

Group II: Claims 39-50, drawn to a method for manufacturing a coil spring from a wire.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-38 and 51-80) drawn to an apparatus for manufacturing a coil spring from a wire for continued examination. This election is made with traverse and without prejudice to prosecute the non-elected claims in related applications. Applicants also reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required the further election of one of the following species which he asserts to be patentably distinct: Group III (Figure 2), Group IV (Figure 4), Group V (Figure 5), Group VI (Figure 6) and Group VII (Figure 7).

Applicants hereby further elects Group IV, as shown in the embodiment of Figure 4, for search purposes only. The Action indicates that independent claims 1 and 51 are generic. Additionally, Applicants submit that at least dependent claims 1-11, 17-38, 52-53, and 59-80 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance and early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited. Any questions arising from this submission may be directed to the undersigned at (617) 951-7000.

A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

We believe that we have appropriately provided for fees due. However, if there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this submission, please charge the fees to our **Deposit Account No. 18-1945** under Order No. SMCY-P01-101. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit account.

Dated: January 3, 2006

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